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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - MONDAY, JULY 5, 1994

1. BELOW ARE 10 PRESS GUIDANCES ON RWANDA AND AN AF PRESS
STATEMENT ON RWANDA.

2. 10 PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: CURRENT SITUATION

3. PLEASE PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE FIGHTING.

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A: WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM REPORTS THAT THE RPF HAS
TAKEN KIGALI.

Q: IS THERE ANY MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE CLASH
BETWEEN FRENCH TROOPS AND REBEL FORCES? DOES THAT ACCORD
WITH THE UNSC RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZED THEIR PRESENCE IN
RWANDA?

A: WE ARE AWAITING AN UPDATE ON THE CONFLICT BETWEEN
FRENCH FORCES AND REBEL FORCES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE
RPF DENIES THAT ANY CONFLICT TOOK PLACE. WE URGE ALL

PARTIES TO RESPECT THE FRENCH HUMANITARIAN MISSION.

Q: WHAT IS THE US REACTION TO WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN
EXPANDED FRENCH ROLE?

A: WE CONTINUE TO VIEW THE FRENCH INTERVENTION AS A
TEMPORARY MEASURE, AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS VITAL THAT
THE FRENCH-LED FORCES BE REPLACED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY
BLUE-HELMET FORCES OF UNAMIR; THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO END
THE KILLING OF CIVILIANS AND TO THUS ACHIEVE A CEASEFIRE.
WE ARE WORKING WITH THE UN, TROOP-CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES
AND EQUIPMENT-CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES TO DEPLOY THESE
FORCES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. 10 PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: HUMAN RIGHTS

Q: WHAT ACTION DID THE UN TAKE OVER THE WEEKEND ON HUMAN
RIGHTS IN RWANDA? WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION?

A: ON FRIDAY EVENING THE UN ADOPTED RESOLUTION 935
ESTABLISHING AN IMPARTIAL COMMISSION OF EXPERTS TO COLLECT
AND ANALYZE EVIDENCE OF VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN LAW COMMITTED IN RWANDA.

THE U.S. CO-SPONSORED THE RESOLUTION AND FULLY SUPPORTS
IT. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY RISK
IN BRINGING TO JUSTICE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR SERIOUS
BREACHES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

WE CALL UPON ALL STATES TO SUPPORT THE COMMISSION'S
EFFORTS, BOTH BY ASSISTING THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERS AND
EXPERT STAFF IN CARRYING OUT THEIR INVESTIGATIONS, AND BY
VOLUNTARILY PROVIDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FUNDING THE
COMMISSION REQUIRES.

IF ASKED RE GENOCIDE: SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S STATEMENT
TO CONGRESS THAT "IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE IS GENOCIDE... IN
RWANDA."

4. AF STATEMENT - RWANDA: IMMEDIATE NEED FOR CEASE-FIRE
EXPANDED UNAMIR.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE
CEASE-FIRE IN RWANDA. THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT
CONTENDS THAT ITS OFFENSIVE IS INTENDED TO RESCUE
THREATENED POPULATIONS BEHIND INTERIM GOVERNMENT LINES.
WE, TOO, ARE OUTRAGED BY THE MASSIVE KILLINGS PERPETRATED
BY SUPPORTERS OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. CONTINUED
FIGHTING, HOWEVER, WILL ONLY INCREASE THE HORRENDOUS DEATH
TOLL, MAGNIFY THE HUMAN SUFFERING, AND COMPOUND THE
DESTRUCTION.

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THE TEMPORARY, UN-APPROVED FRENCH-LED INTERVENTION IS
ALREADY BRINGING IMPORTANT PROTECTION TO THREATENED
POPULATIONS; FURTHER FIGHTING WILL ONLY COMPLICATE THIS
HUMANITARIAN MISSION AND MIGHT EVEN WIDEN THE CONFLICT --
A RESULT THAT MUST BE AVOIDED.

THE CONTINUED FIGHTING HIGHLIGHTS THE URGENT NEED TO
EXPAND UNAMIR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. IN ORDER TO HELP
EXPEDITE DEPLOYMENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY
PROVIDED 50 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS TO UNAMIR AND IS
WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE UN TO MEET THE MISSION-ESSENTIAL
EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF THE INITIAL GHANAIIAN BATTALION. WE
APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF THE UN, THE OAU, AND MEMBER STATES
WHO HAVE OFFERED TROOPS OR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, AND WE URGE
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS TO PUT
UNAMIR ON THE GROUND IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE TIME.

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